

moved with her family to Suffield from the next-door town of Enfield at the age of 10. After graduating from Our Lady of The Angels Academy, Patricia remained in Eastern Connecticut where she went on to achieve her bachelor's degree from University of Connecticut. It was during her time at the University of Connecticut where she also met and then married the love of her life, David Pinney. Upon achieving her bachelors in 1973, Pat immediately picked up a career teaching in Enfield. A true reflection of her character, however, Pat eventually placed her passion for teaching on pause and departed the Enfield school system so that she could raise their four children: Leigh, Rob, Matthew and Nora.

Having built out her family's roots, Pat recommenced her legacy as a renowned teacher at Hall Memorial School in Willington, Connecticut. Providing students with a sense of the world in which they live, it was Patricia's mission to provide the next generation with the tools they needed to succeed within their respective community. Patricia was a truly natural educator, armed with a keen ability to keep her students engaged. She acted as the regional coordinator for History Day, encouraging students to represent Northeast Connecticut on the national stage during the History Day Competition in Washington, D.C. A strong finalist for the Connecticut Teacher of the Year and recipient of the University of Connecticut's NEAG School of Education Outstanding School Educator Award, Pat's career as an educator was defined by excellence.

Madam Speaker, Patricia was known for her generous spirit. Whether in the classroom, at home, or out in the community, she invested tremendously in everyone who she met. As a mother and educator, she truly had the growth of the next generation at heart. Her absence will be felt sorely in the Eastern Connecticut community. Though we mourn this terrible loss, we find gratitude in the ripple effect caused by the strength of her character. There is literally an army of people out there to operate as the standard bearers of her memory, namely, her husband, David, and family-in-law of over 50 years, their four children and families, and her five siblings. To that end, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring Patricia Ann Pinney.

MAEVE CARROLL

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 7, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Maeve Carroll for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Maeve Carroll is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Maeve Carroll is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Maeve Carroll for winning the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF KATHY GOLDSCHMIDT AND NICOLE FOLK COOPER

### HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 7, 2022*

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I'd like to take a moment to commemorate the public service of two individuals who have dedicated decades of their lives to enhancing the performance of congressional offices, helping Members of Congress and congressional staff improve as professionals and public servants, and working to revitalize Congress as an institution. Kathy Goldschmidt is the Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Congressional Management Foundation and reached her 25th year of service there last month. Nicole Folk Cooper is the Director of Research and Publications at CMF, and last year reached her 20th year of service. Both individually and as a team, Ms. Goldschmidt and Ms. Folk Cooper have made unparalleled contributions to enhancing the House and Senate.

Starting at CMF in 1997, Ms. Goldschmidt recognized early on the potential impact of the internet on Congress and democracy, urging the organization to proactively work to help congressional offices with this new technology. During the last quarter of a century, she has authored or co-authored nearly every major CMF study on technology and Congress. In 2006 she led the effort to help the House of Representatives create a 10-year information technology road map, a crucial step that helped institutional leaders identify areas for operational improvement. Recently, she co-authored a series of reports, *The Future of Citizen Engagement*, which has the potential to help every congressional office build greater trust in the Congress and democracy. And in 2018 she co-authored a report entitled *The Job Description for a Member of Congress* that sought to provide a common understanding of the duties and responsibilities of a Member of Congress for all Americans. She has twice testified before congressional committees, including the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, which I chair. We thank her for her advice to our Committee and staff.

Nicole Folk Cooper began working at CMF in 2001. For more than two decades she has trained staff, conducted analyses of congressional offices, and overseen a broad range of CMF projects. For 16 years she has been the editor of CMF's signature publication, *Setting Course: A Congressional Management Guide*. Every Member of Congress and senior staff is familiar with this unique publication, which provides thoughtful guidance on setting up and running a congressional office. She was the project manager and editor of a similar CMF publication, *Keeping It Local: A Guide for Managing District & State Offices*. Probably Ms. Folk Cooper's greatest contribution to Congress has been her leadership in the last 10 years of CMF's "Life in Congress" project.

This initiative, in partnership with the Society for Human Resource Management, seeks to identify human resource challenges in Congress and provide recommendations for overcoming them in order to help make Congress a better place for both Members and staffers to work. Especially as the dual stresses of the pandemic and the attacks of January 6th weighed so heavily on the congressional workforce, CMF's "Life in Congress" webinars and publications offered valuable guidance to Members and managers.

As a team, Ms. Goldschmidt and Ms. Folk Cooper were also leaders in CMF's "Gold Mouse Awards" project, which identifies best practices in congressional websites. The modern congressional website, which focuses on Members' policy positions, voting records, and constituent services, was largely inspired and created by CMF and these two dedicated public servants.

Madam Speaker, we all know that Congress wouldn't function without the invaluable work done every day by the staff who support us. Kathy Goldschmidt and Nicole Folk Cooper have been vital advisors and guides to Members and staff for decades and have worked diligently to enhance the performance of congressional offices and Congress as an institution. It's hard to quantify every contribution or influence they've had on the Congress. But it's easy to conclude that Congress, congressional staff, and democracy are better because of their work. I congratulate them both on these milestones in their long history of public service and I look forward to continuing to work with them and their colleagues at CMF for years to come.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF OCTAVIA GREEN ROBINSON

### HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 7, 2022*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Octavia Green Robinson.

Octavia Green Robinson was born March 19, 1947, in New Orleans, Louisiana to Myrtle August Green and Oliver Daniel Green, Sr. Affectionately known to all as "Tay" and "Big Momma" Robinson, she left this life on February 6, 2022, at the age of 74. She was surrounded by her family, just like she would have wanted.

Octavia grew up in New Orleans' Historic 7th Ward. She is a graduate of Joseph S. Clark Senior High School, Dillard University, and Tulane University School of Social Work where she received her master's degree.

She was a decorated Sergeant with the New Orleans Police Department where in her early years she was part of the all-women's team who created Community Relations which became a source of refuge and hope for the people of New Orleans. Octavia moved through the ranks of departments such as Juvenile Division, and others and retired following 45 years of service.

Octavia was a proud member of Beautiful Zion Baptist Church, the First District Baptist Association, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Octavia leaves her legacy of love for all in the hands of her beloved husband of 47 years Edward J. Robinson, Sr., and her children she so